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2014 Transportation Bond

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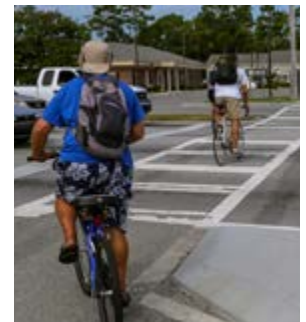
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Bike, pedestrian, vehicular safety

Bike, pedestrian and vehicular safety remain a key concern in our area:

- New Hanover County has the most bicycle accidents of all NC counties, and is among the top ranked for pedestrian accidents (2012), according to NC DOT.¹
- Between 2007-2013, there were 836 bike/pedestrian injuries and 24 fatalities in NHC – that averages more than 100 accidents a year.
- According to AAA Carolinas, New Hanover County is ranked #2 of all NC counties where motorists are most likely to be involved in a crash and #3 as most likely to be injured in a crash.²

1. <http://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/researchreports/>
2. <http://carolinas.aaa.com/media>



What & why

There will be a referendum on the Nov. 4 ballot for a \$44 million bond for street, sidewalk and trail improvements in Wilmington.

Highlights:

- Traffic is consistently a top concern in citizen surveys.
- Proposed projects in the bond are designed to help address safety, traffic flow, congestion and growth in key areas.
- State, federal funds are dwindling even as costs continue to rise and Wilmington's population increases.
- Citizens identified pedestrian/bike trails as a top priority in neighborhood meetings held this past spring.
- Pedestrian/bike trails help get cars off congested roads.
- Projects included in the bond are designed to maximize the use of existing resources – close sidewalk and trail gaps and make connections.

What will it cost me?

City property tax increase of up to 2 cents; impact to the average homeowner on a \$200,000 home is about the same as a gallon of milk = \$3.34 a month, or about \$40 a year.

Making progress on street paving

While planning for the future, the city continues to address current maintenance needs through our 5-year, \$41 million infrastructure improvement plan.

So far, the city has completed 31 lane miles of street repaving and repairs, including streets such as Park Avenue, 52nd Street and Rose Avenue. Plans are in place to complete 13 lane miles this year, including Covil Avenue and Racine Drive. The city currently has plans in place to complete another 60 lane miles of street repaving and repairs and expects to pave up to 100 lane miles of streets by the summer of 2017.

Background

A referendum for a \$44 million bond will appear as a Yes/No vote on the Nov. 4 ballot for registered voters in the City of Wilmington.

While only \$44 million is on the referendum, the city would leverage planned funding from related construction projects to complete \$55 million of projects.





Proposed Improvements:

Roads \$35 Million

ROADWAYS



- Eastwood Road medians & traffic signals
- Dawson and Wooster street improvements
- Love Grove additional access
- Hurst Drive extension
- Street repairs & coordination with NCDOT

STREETSCAPES



- Carolina Beach Rd streetscape (North)
- North Front Street streetscape
- Dawson and Wooster street improvements

ROUNDBABOUTS



- Wrightsville Ave at Wallace Ave
- Pine Grove Dr at Greenville Loop Rd
- Pine Grove Dr at Holly Tree Rd

INTERSECTIONS



- Pine Grove Dr/Macmillan Ave intersection improvements
- Oleander Dr/Pine Grove Dr intersection realignment
- Racine Dr at New Centre Dr right turn lane

Bike/Ped \$20 Million

SIDEWALKS



- Oleander Dr - Hawthorne Rd to 42nd St
- Wrightsville Ave - Castle St to Independence Blvd
- Oleander Dr - Wooster St to Mimosa Pl
- Dawson St - Wrightsville Ave to Oleander Dr
- Wrightsville Ave - College Rd to Hawthorne Dr
- Wrightsville Ave - 44th St to Independence Blvd
- 17th St - Wooster St to Greenfield St
- Oleander Dr - Pine Grove Dr to College Rd
- North 23rd St - Princess Place Dr to Belvedere Dr
- Delaney Ave - Wellington Ave to Glen Meade Rd
- McClelland Dr - Saint Rosea Rd to N. Kerr Ave
- Fairlawn Dr - Barclay Hills Dr to Kerr Ave
- Clover Rd - Fairlawn Dr to McClelland Dr
- Gleason Rd - Fairlawn Dr to McClelland Dr

CROSSWALKS



- Kerr Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard
- 16th and Dawson streets
- College Road and Wilshire Boulevard
- 8th and Dawson streets
- 8th and Wooster streets
- 17th and Dawson streets
- Holly Tree and College roads

TRAILS



- Greenville Loop Trail 4.3 mile trail
- Kerr Avenue Trail 0.7 mile trail
- South College Trail 1.3 mile trail
- Masonboro Loop Trail 1.4 mile trail

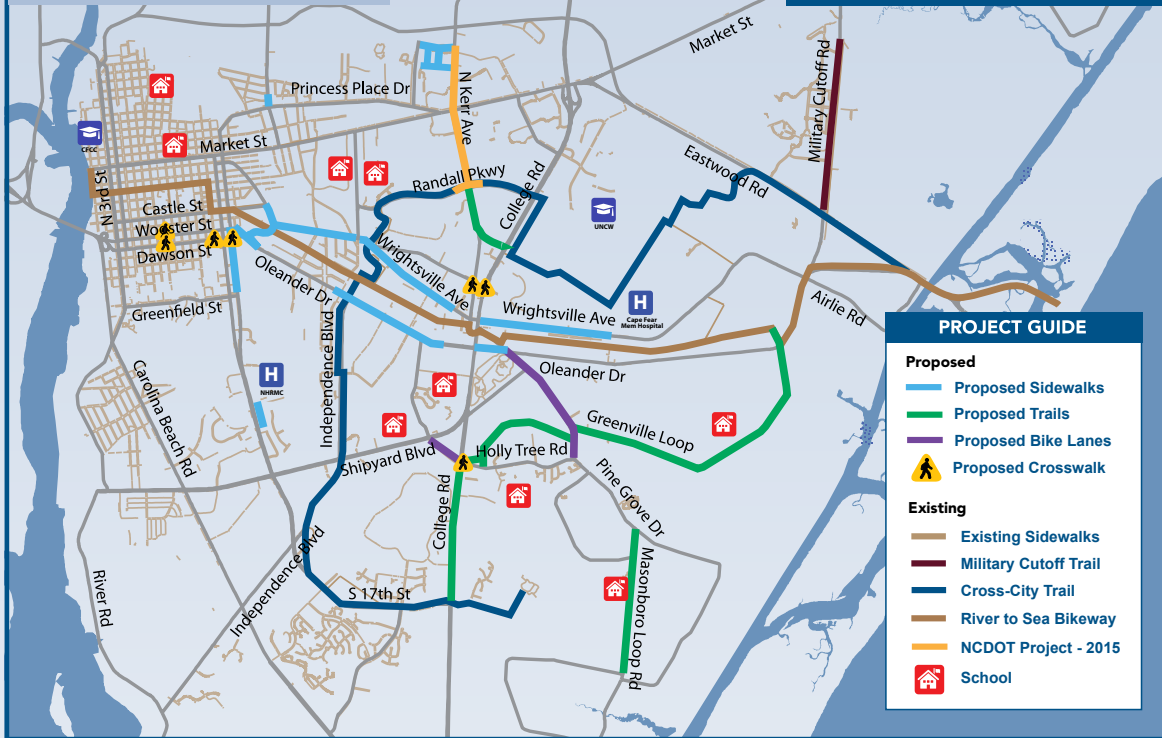


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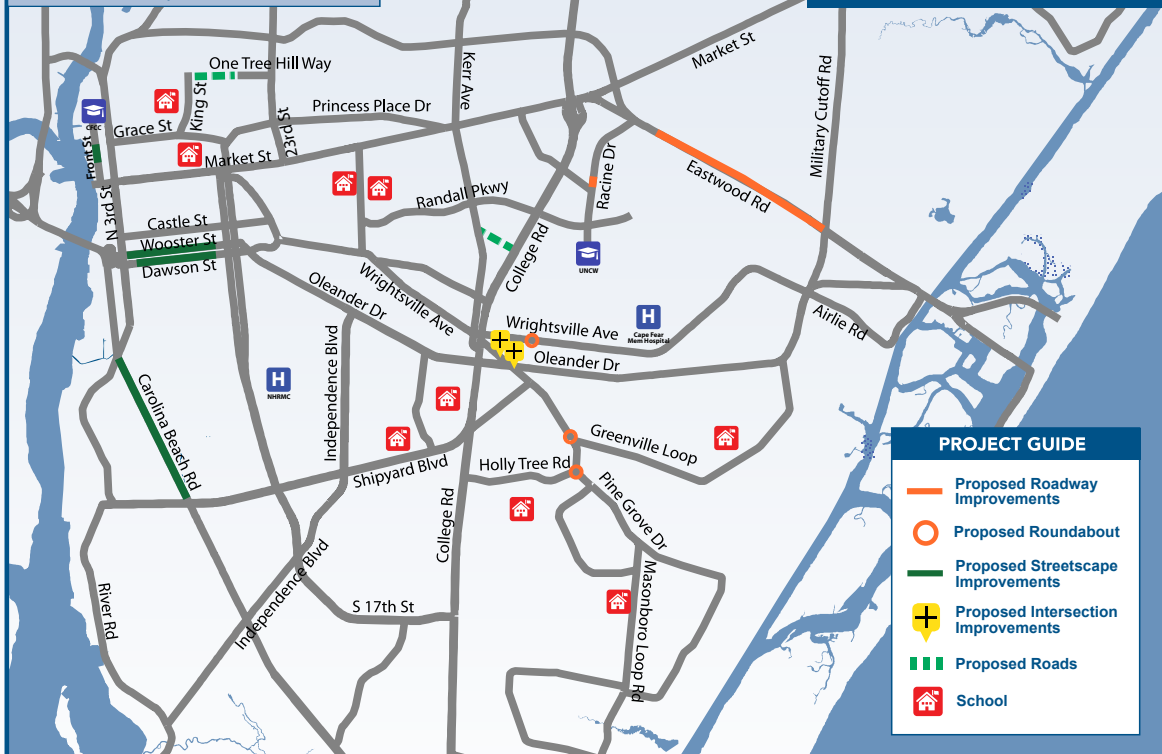
Proposed Pedestrian & Bicycle Projects



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Proposed Road Improvements



Make your voice heard

2014 General Election – November 4, 2014

Early Voting

October 23 - November 1, 2014

Thursday, October 23 to Saturday, October 25
8am to 8pm Government Center, Suite 39

Monday, October 27 to Friday, October 31
8am to 8pm Government Center, Suite 39
10am to 7pm NHC Senior Center
10am to 7pm Downtown Main Library
10am to 7pm Northeast Library
10am to 7pm Carolina Beach Town Hall

Saturday, November 1
8am to 1pm Government Center, Suite 39
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Election Day – November 4

Polls open 6:30 am to 7:30 pm

Polling place, more information:
nhcvote.com

What will I see on the ballot?

City of Wilmington Street and Sidewalk Bonds

SHALL the order authorizing \$44,000,000 of bonds plus interest to pay the costs of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, widening, extending, paving, resurfacing, grading and improving streets, roads and intersections; acquiring, constructing, reconstructing and improving sidewalks or walkways, curbs, gutters, drains, bridges, overpasses, underpasses and grade crossings; constructing and improving walking and bicycle trails and greenways; and providing related landscaping, lighting and traffic controls, signals and markers; and the acquisition of land required therefor, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds be approved?

☐ YES ☐ NO

We are growing

Wilmington is expected to grow by 57,000 people over the next 20 years – where will all the cars go? Proposed projects are designed to help address future growth.



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